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SUBJECT: THE DGRST, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S CENTER  
FOR SCIENCE POLICY, MANPOWER AND BUDGET

1. THE KEY CONTROLLING AGENCY FOR THE 2.2 BILLION  
DOLLAR-A-YEAR CIVILIAN GOF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
ESTABLISHMENT IS THE DGRST (DELEGATION FOR SCIENTIFIC  
AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH). DIRECTED BY  
PROF. CURIEN, IT IS COMPOSED OF SOME SIXTY WELL-EDUCATED  
AND GOVERNMENT-WISE ENGINEER- AND SCIENTIST-TECHNOCRATS  
WITH ABOUT AN EQUAL NUMBER OF SUPPORTING STAFF. THE  
DGRST IS AT ONCE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S REGULATOR,  
COORDINATOR, ARBITER AND STIMULATOR OF NON-MILITARY  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN FRANCE.

A. IF THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE WISHES TO STUDY THE RE-  
FORM OF THE SCIENCE ESTABLISHMENT, HE TURNS TO THE  
DGRST. IF A SPECIAL QUESTION INVOLVING THE INTER-  
ACTION OF GOF'S R & D ESTABLISHMENT WITH THE OUTSIDE  
WORLD ARISES, AS IN THE CASE OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
ASPECTS OF GENETIC MANIPULATION, THE DGRST ASSUMES  
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CHARGE. AT PRACTICALLY EVERY MAJOR STEP IN THE PRO-

CESS OF DESIGNING, COORDINATING, AND DEFINING THE NATIONAL CIVILIAN R & D BUDGET, THE DGRST PLAYS A PRINCIPAL ROLE. THE TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT OF S & T COOPERATION PROGRAMS WITH THE U.S., THE SOVIET UNION, AND WITH ALL OTHER NON-FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES, IS CONTROLLED DIRECTLY BY THE DGRST. ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN SCIENCE FOUNDATION--ESF, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER 1974, WAS THE DELEGUE GENERAL M. CURIEN, AND THE MAJOR WORKING LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN THE GOVT OF FRANCE AND THE ESF IS MAINTAINED BY A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF.

B. WHEN THE GOVT RECENTLY DECIDED THAT FRANCE SHOULD RECEIVE MORE TANGIBLE ECONOMIC RETURN FOR THE CONSIDERABLE EXPENDITURES IT HAS MADE ON SPACE AND OCEAN PROGRAMS, IT ESTABLISHED SCIENTIFIC COUNCILS FOR EACH, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF BOTH BEING PROF. CURIEN. WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE CONVENED, IN FEBRUARY AND THEN IN NOVEMBER 1975, COUNCILS OF GUIDANCE ON THE FUTURE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN FRANCE, THE DGRST WAS THE BODY WHICH PREPARED THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY WAS CHARGED FOR ASSURING THEIR EXECUTION.

C. THE DGRST HAS DIRECT CONTROL OVER 78 MILLION DOLLARS, FOR 1976, TO USE IN SUPPORTING AREAS OF BASIC RESEARCH MERITING SPECIAL ATTENTION IN LIGHT OF NATIONAL INTERESTS, AND OF ANOTHER 67 MILLION DOLLARS FOR 1976 TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRY (ON A 50:50 COST-SHARING BASIS) TO PURSUE SELECTED PROMISING AREAS OF APPLIED RESEARCH.

2. THE CURRENT AUTHORITY OF THE DGRST WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECREE NO. 75-1002 OF 29 OCT 1975 "RELATING TO THE COORDINATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH POLICY IN FRANCE." ACCORDING TO THAT DECREE, THE DGRST, WHICH IS ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHED TO THE MINISTRY FOR INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH, HAS THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. DEVELOP, IN LIAISON WITH APPLICABLE MINISTRIES AND UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMS FOR THE DEFINITION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY, INCLUDING OBJECTIVES AND THE METHODS AND STRUCTURES FOR ATTAINING THESE OBJECTIVES.

B. PREPARE, IN LIAISON WITH THE GENERAL PLANNING COMMISSION, A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAM (I.E., 5-YEAR GOVT-WIDE R & D PLAN).

C. COORDINATE, IN LIAISON WITH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE,  
THE PREPARATION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGETS  
FOR ALL MINISTRIES ENGAGED IN CIVILIAN R & D.

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D. RECEIVE REPORTS PREPARED BY VARIOUS INSPECTION AND  
REGULATION ORGANIZATIONS ON THE USE OF FUNDS ESTAB-  
LISHED FOR R & D AND PREPARE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON ALL  
R & D PROGRAMS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE PARLIAMENT.

E. BE THE ACTIVE REPOSITORY OF ALL LAWS AND CHANGES  
PERTAINING TO THE ORGANIZATION OF GOVT R & D ELEMENTS.

F. PARTICIPATE WITH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON THE  
POLICY FOR RELOCATION OF R & D ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT  
FRANCE (NOTE ADDED: I.E., IN SUPPORT OF A POLICY TO  
DECENTRALIZE FROM PARIS).

G. BE AN ACTIVE REPOSITORY OF INFORMATION RELATED TO  
NATIONAL POLICIES OF EMPLOYMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND  
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND TO PROPOSE MEASURES SUPPORTING

EMPLOYMENT.

H. SERVE AS TECHNICAL COORDINATOR TO THE MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON ALL MATTERS RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL  
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION.

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